

January 28, 2020

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on January 28, 2020.

Mayor Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country.
Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilwoman White.

** Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 14, 2020 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FREEHOLDERS - Dover Bridge Repair - Starting January 27, 2020.
If you go over the bridge into Dover off of Salem Street, you can make a left onto Blackwell Street but you can't make a right hand turn. They are closing that bridge for repairs. It will be closed for approximately 10 months. All the signage is in place.

NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS - Public hearing being held on February 13, 2020 in Holmdel at 6:00 p.m.. It is for the Holmdel regulator station. This does not affect us or our area.

Motion to accept the Correspondence as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

Mayor Holeman asked if there were any questions on the vouchers?
Councilwoman Montes asked about voucher # 052 under the stuff we bought, what was the \$21.99 for? It was headphones. They were for gifts. We didn't get the donations we were supposed to get so we had to go out and buy more for the older kids.

Mayor Holeman asked if there were any other questions on the vouchers? Hearing none, he asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion was made to pay the bills by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

(See Vouchers Next Page)

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:

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<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payable to:</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01-041-2020	Anderson & Denzler	Eng., Muni. Windows, Fire lot, G.,T.,& P. project	7,201.89
01-042-2020	Anderson & Denzler	377 Wash. & Home Sunshine Escrows	523.50
01-043-2020	Anderson & Denzler	Pack Mentality Escrow	174.50
01-044-2020	AT&T	Utilities	40.39
01-045-2020	County of Morris Treasurer	County Taxes	47,621.02
01-046-2020	County of Morris Treasurer	County Open Space Taxes	1,417.16
01-047-2020	Daily Record	Clerk OE - Resolutions	98.90
01-048-2020	Daily Record	Clerk OE - Resolutions	119.97
01-049-2020	Dover Board of Education	School Taxes	84,757.75
01-050-2020	Dover Municipal Court	Muni Court Dover	1,591.54
01-051-2020	Gannett New Jersey Newspapers	Clerk OE	5.59
01-052-2020	Glass Gardens, Inc. - ShopRite	Recreation - Christmas party	1,035.83
01-053-2020	Herbert Evans, Jr.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	350.00
01-054-2020	JCP&L - Fire #1	Fire OE	100.35
01-055-2020	JCP&L - Main #2	Utilities	403.17
01-056-2020	JCP&L - Street Lighting #3	Street Lighting	627.37
01-057-2020	Konica Minolta Business	Clerk OE	111.62
01-058-2020	MCAMC - Muni. Clerk's Assoc. of Morris County	Clerk OE	50.00
01-059-2020	Morris County MUA	Streets & Roads - Dec. Shade Tree	321.75
01-060-2020	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	43.80
01-061-2020	Optimum	Utilities	11.45
01-062-2020	Public Works Assoc. of NJ	Clerk OE	90.00
01-063-2020	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal Services - Monthly payment	2,104.17
01-064-2020	Postmaster General	Clerk OE	330.00
01-065-2020	Rubinetti, Peter - Private Disposal	Trash Removal	10,833.33
01-066-2020	Staples	Clerk OE	9.99
01-067-2020	Town of Dover - Fire Services	Fire OE	16,500.00
01-068-2020	Verizon	Utilities	246.67
01-069-2020	WEX Bank - Shell	Streets & Roads - Fuel for DPW	448.57
01-070-2020	VSP Insurance Co.	Group Insurance	98.70
		TOTAL	177,268.98

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - There was 1 permit issued. Total value of construction \$675.00 .

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of the report.

REGISTRAR - No marriage licenses issued for the month of January.

FINANCE OFFICER - Joe is out with the flu so I have no report from him. Councilwoman Montes asked about the W-2 and if he left them? No, they are on his desk but he has to look them over. Once he has them ready I will let everyone know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - Nothing

Councilman Glass - Nothing

Councilwoman Hedgepath - Nothing

Councilman Lorenzo - Nothing

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - I gave out the coats. I wanted to thank the Mayor for helping out. Everyone was happy with what they picked out. What was left over, was sent to 2 different churches. All Council thanked Onnie on a job well done.

Motion to accept the reports and put on file by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET MEETING REMINDER - We will be having our first budget meeting on February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ROLFS OFFICE MACHINES AGREEMENT - The Clerk said this was brought before the Council at the end of the year and at that time Councilwoman Montes said to wait for the new year since we just bought the machine.

The agreement is for a one year period and it costs \$155.00 .

Motion to approve the service agreement by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

CAP ORDINANCE 2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION - The Clerk said everyone has a copy of the Ordinance. This has been advertised in the paper. You do have to open it to the public for comment.

CALENDAR YEAR 2020
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Motion to open the meeting to the public on the CAP Ordinance made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

No comment from the public.

Motion to close the meeting to the public on the Cap Ordinance by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adopt the Cap Ordinance by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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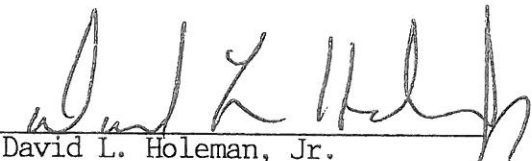
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT -
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

At a meeting held on January 28, 2020 the Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens adopted the following Resolution:

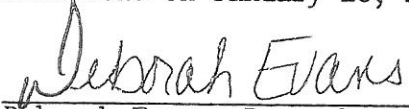
The Borough Council authorizes an application to the Morris County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Borough wide Sidewalk Improvements.

If awarded CDBG funds, the Borough of Victory Gardens shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Dated: January 28, 2020


David L. Holeman, Jr.
Mayor, Borough of Victory Gardens

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on January 28, 2020.


Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Motion on approval of the Resolution for Community Development by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A 4 YEAR TERM -

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX COLLECTOR TO A 4 YEAR TERM -

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens, Morris County, New Jersey is obligated to maintain a Municipal Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, Karen Ferrone has met the requirements of the position; and

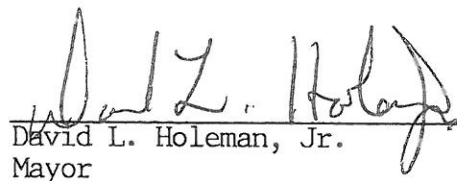
WHEREAS, Karen Ferrone has held the position of Tax Collector for the Borough of Victory Gardens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that Karen Ferrone be appointed as the Tax Collector for the Borough of Victory Gardens in the amount of \$11,000.00 per year.

*** Appointment is for 4 years. Beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024.



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk


David L. Holeman, Jr.
Mayor

Adapted: 1-28-2020

Motion on the Resolution by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

FIRE/EMS AGREEMENT - The attorney said he had some notes on this but he wasn't in his office before he came up. He will have it for the next meeting.

Motion to table this until the next meeting. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - Does anyone know why there are about 30 trees marked with a circle on Franklin Road? Yes, There was a huge tree that fell on Franklin Road and thankfully no one was hurt. It was our tree. I asked Leon to go out and tell me which trees belong to the town, that are in our right of way. I asked him to mark them so they can come down. Stumps will remain. Recently Mt. Olive signed a contract with Roxbury Animal. They pay them \$200 a month and then pay individually for other things. Yes, we did the same but we were paying around \$120 a month and then everything was extra. Jim will give the Clerk a copy of what Mt. Olive is paying as it was in the paper. The Clerk said she has a copy of what Roxbury wanted to charge us so he can look at it.

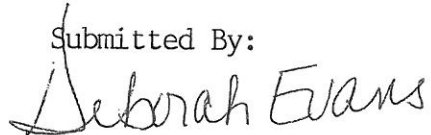
Public Portion Continued:

Jim Janone Continued: I made notes with fire department agreement. Can we ask Dover to pay the utilities at the fire house? The Mayor said it is our building. We have our parties up there and if we need to use the building, we do. We turn the heat up so our pipes don't freeze. Fire and Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, who is on that? The Mayor said he is and the Clerk. There should also be a representative from the Town on there. We are the representatives from the Town. Chris is on there too. He is our Fire Official. Dover went to a billing system for their calls. It says in here that Victory Gardens would get money back. Are you aware of that? Yes. We would only get money for our calls the Attorney said. People would be billed if they have insurance. The Mayor said we have a 3 month incident report. We don't have an annual report.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Evans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Submitted By:" text.

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk